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REMARKS

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1. On 28 July 1953 [redacted] in Naumburg [redacted] additional advance details arrived at the Hubertus Kaserne and Luettich Kaserne. [redacted] the installations were occupied by about 800 troops. Many new vehicle [redacted] were seen. [redacted] 1
2. On 2 August, T-43 tanks [redacted] SU-100 [redacted] and 1 [redacted] SU-100; salvage tank [redacted] and trucks [redacted] with billeting equipment were loaded at the Halle freight station and left for an unknown destination. On 3 August, 4 T-43 tanks, [redacted] and 2 [redacted] T-34 tanks were entrained at the Halle freight station. On 5 August, a train of 5 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 15 motor vehicles towing artillery pieces was loaded at the Halle freight station and left toward Erfurt. [redacted] 2
3. At about 8 p.m. on 1 August, a troop train of 4 boxcars with about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 35 side-rack flatcars with 8 x 152-mm field howitzers, 8 prime movers and 20 trucks with painted-over numbers was standing near Halle on the Halle-Berlin railroad line. The train was headed toward Magdeburg. 3
4. At 7 a.m. on 6 August, a troop train of 15 boxcars with soldiers, baggage and ammunition, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 76-mm AA guns towed by trucks, [redacted] and 21 trucks was unloaded at the Dessau freight station. At 6 p.m., a troop train of 5 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 x 76-mm AA guns, and 24 trucks [redacted] was also unloaded at the Dessau freight station. Following the unloading, the two units marched to Kochstedt. 4

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5. On 5 August [redacted] AAA units from Kochstedt on combined field exercises with jet planes west of Dessau airfield.

6. On 30 July, 8 T-34 tanks [redacted] 13 JS tanks, [redacted] and a large number of motor vehicles were unloaded at the Jueterbog railroad station. 5

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7. Troop trains loaded at the Forst Zinna railroad station on 29 and 31 July included:

At 8 p.m. on 29 July, a train of an undetermined number of cars with 100 soldiers; 6 rocket launchers [redacted] and 12 trucks,

At 5:30 p.m. on 31 July, a train of 10 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 14 artillery pieces of about 120-mm; and about 35 trucks,

[redacted] the train left toward Jueterbog.

At 6:30 p.m. on 31 July, a train of 11 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 120-mm mortars, and about 30 trucks [redacted]

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1. Comment. On 23 and 24 July 1953 [redacted] the arrival of advance details of 100 EM each at the Hindenburg Kaserne, Barbara Kaserne, Luettich, Kaserne and at the former Oberlandesgericht. It is not yet clear whether the troops observed actually were advance details.

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2. Comment. All three troop trains probably carried tanks and vehicles of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The train on 2 August 1953 possibly went to Letzling Heath; the train on 3 August 1953 probably carried tanks in need for repair, while the train on 5 August 1953 was believed to be bound for the Lossa troop training grounds.

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3. Comment. [redacted] the train carried elements of the IV Arty Corps or an element of the 43rd Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army. The point of observation indicates that the troops belonged to the brigade from Ulsterberg which possibly moved to the Altenraben troop training grounds.

4. Comment. The two troop trains carried medium AAA units of the 62nd AAA Div (US) which probably came from the Wustrow AAA Range. On 29 March 1953, components of this division moved from Kammersdorf to Wustrow on two troop trains; a return of these units has not been identified. The AAA units observed in conjunction with jet planes near Dessau airfield also belonged to the 62nd AAA Div

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5. Comment. This troop train [redacted] was observed [redacted] being loaded at Witterberg at about 11 a.m. on 30 July 1953. The troops possibly belong to a tank unit of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. See

6. Comment. [redacted] the loading of three troop trains of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to Doberitz [redacted]

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